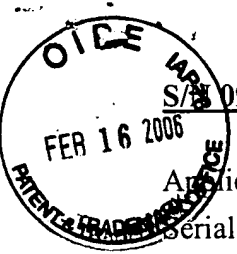


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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181**

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A Notice of Abandonment dated December 14, 2005 for the above-identified patent application was received by applicant on December 20, 2005. The Notice alleges that Applicant failed to timely pay the required Issue Fee and Publication Fee under 37 CFR 1.118 and 1.18(d) by the date of September 9, 2005.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant filed the Issue Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) on September 7, 2005. On the Issue Fee Transmittal (PTOL -85), under sections 4a and 4b, the boxes are checked requesting that the Issue Fee, Publication Fee and Advance Order of 2 copies are authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 13-3092. True and accurate copies of the documents mailed September 7, 2005, along with a copy of the PTO-stamped postcard are enclosed. Therefore, Applicant submits that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee should be charged to Deposit Account 13-3092 and that sufficient payment was timely paid and respectfully request reconsideration of the holding of abandonment.

It is believed that there is no action or omission by Applicant to support a holding that the above-identified application was or is abandoned. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the abandonment holding be withdrawn and prosecution resumed as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

It is Applicants' understanding that no fee is required for a petition to withdraw a holding of abandonment; *see* MPEP 711.03(c), and therefore no fee is enclosed. However, if a fee is required, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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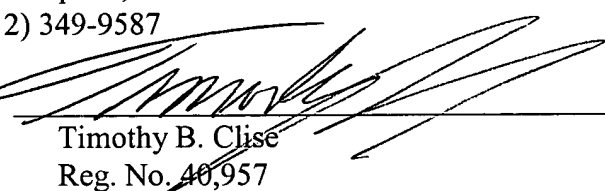
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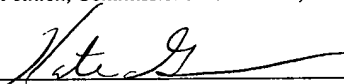

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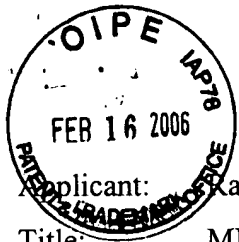
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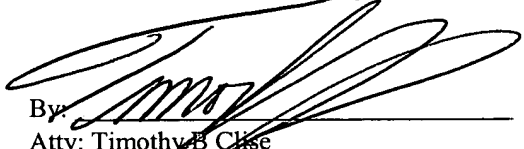
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